

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)Applicant(s): **Spencer Andrew Meister and David Alan Tracy**

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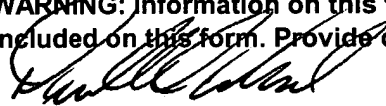
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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In re the Application of)

Spencer Andrew Meister and)
David Alan Tracy)

For: APPARATUS AND
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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment Under Rule 121(c) dated September 17, 2004. This Response is comprised of the earlier-filed Response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004 (filed May 20, 2004), plus the insertion of claim texts for Claims 9 – 17. Claims 9 – 17 have been withdrawn. Also, Claims 29 – 32 and 35 – 36 have been identified as “Currently Amended”.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present Response satisfies the requirements of Rule 121(c).